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# Machine Learning for Transport Modelling

**the Next Generation of Transport Models**

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# We offer solutions for communal companies: from the automotive sector to waste management

## Industries & customers

### Rail



### Public Transport



### Mobility



### Supply



### Waste Management

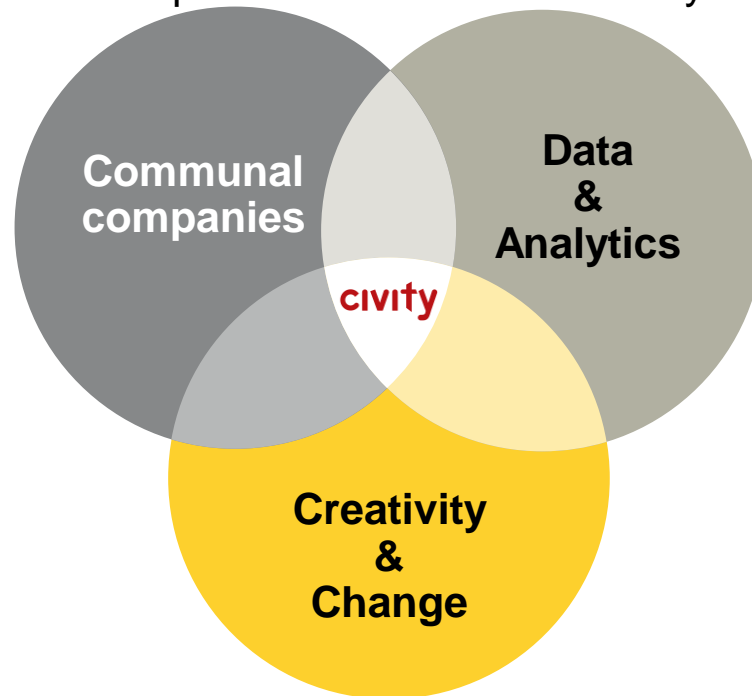


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## Interaction of technical expertise and methodological competence

"We understand tasks and issues of communal companies."

"We understand data analytics and its use."



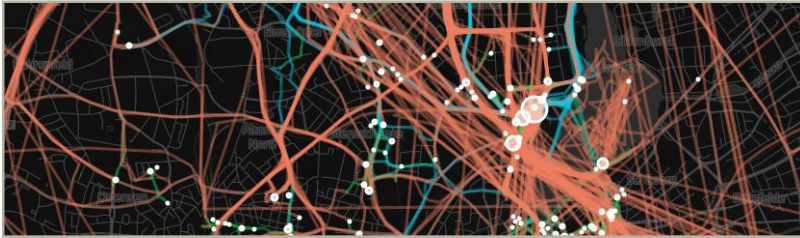
"We moderate creativity-enhancing and sensitive."

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# Our R&D projects depict an interesting contrast between new mobility providers and classic PT operators

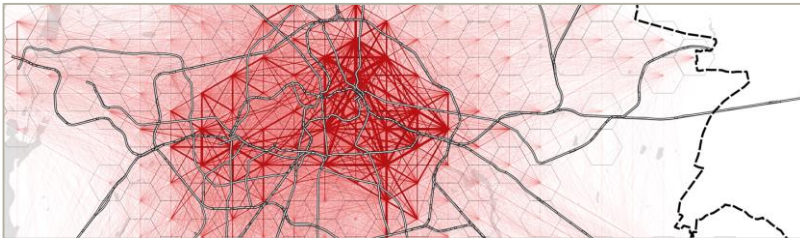
## R&D projects for mobility demand forecasting

### European Car-Manufacturer



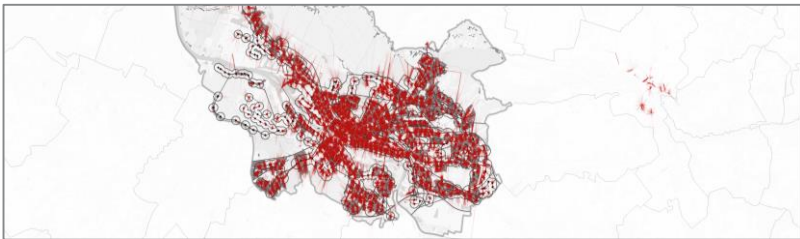
Identification and evaluation of the market potential for tier-2 cities in Europe based on mobile phone cell data. Derivation of a market entry strategy including a scalable value proposition for individual markets.

### civcity matters No. 1



Study on free-floating car sharing in European cities. The focus is on the evaluation of the traffic and economic relevance of the new system in comparison to public transport.

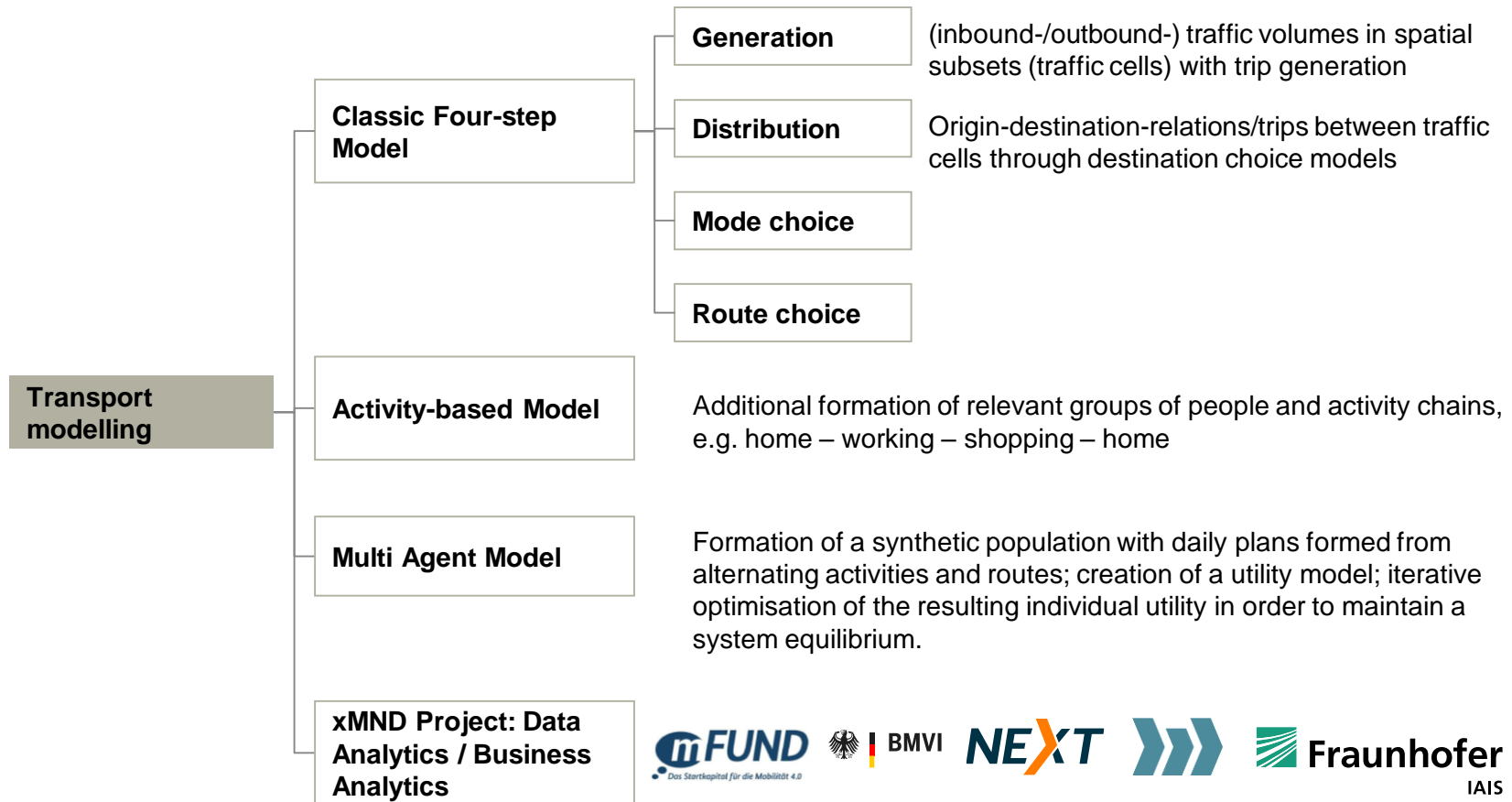
### LogFile Analysis



Study for the evaluation of LogFiles generated via a PT information app. Correlation analyses with data from automated passenger counts. Conclusions on extrapolation of results.

# Transport modelling is strongly influenced by innovations in methodology, computing capacity and data availability

## Relevant methods for transport modelling





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## Idea and first approach

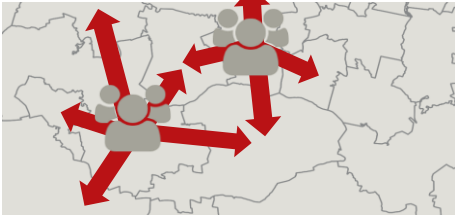


- Floating Phone Data (FDP) → Origin-Destination-Matrix on postal code level
- Fine-grained data (~10m with 26 categories)
- Europe-wide dataset (cities and functional urban city areas)
- Many other fine-grained spatial data available

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## Machine learning with floating phone data (ML FPD)

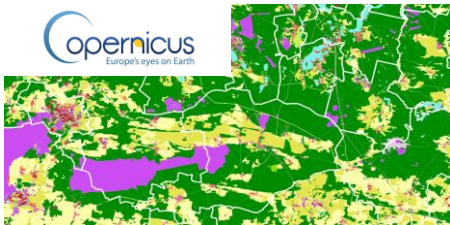
FPD (Postal zones / cells)



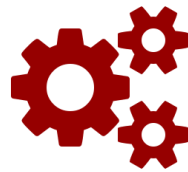
Other data sources



Urban Atlas Data



Aggregation



Merging

Regression models



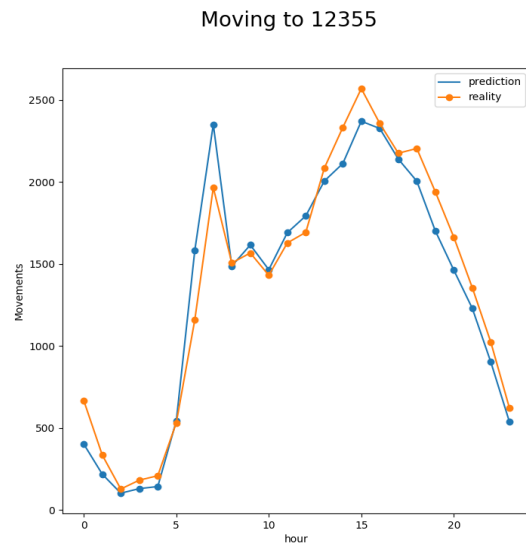
Travel demand model



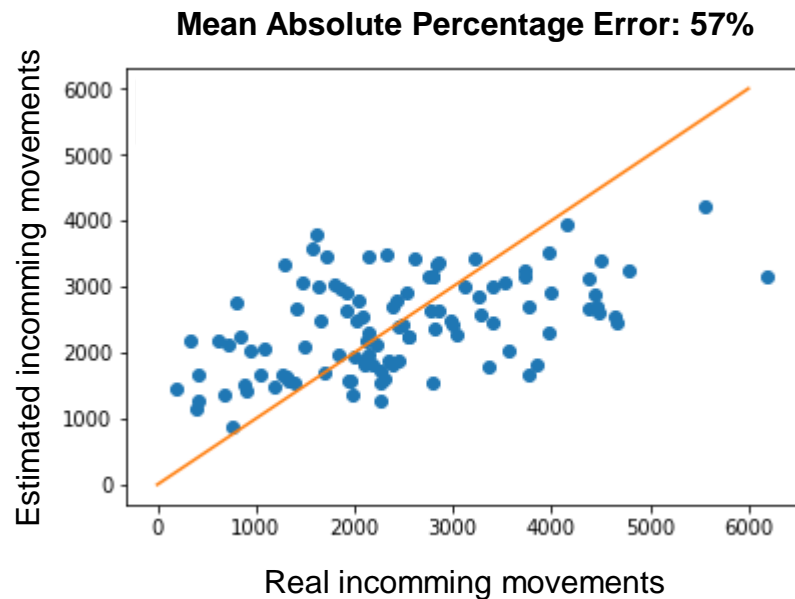
# The first approach already shows mixed results

## Initial results for German postal areas

### Measured and modelled daily demand curves



### Mean absolute errors for estimations of incoming movements, workdays 4PM





# Additional spatial data and different approaches can lead to further improvements

## Main challenges

### Data

Population data  
(Zensus)

Area data (e.g. size)

Bigger trainingset with  
more cities

### Models

OD-relations

Adjusting layers

Hyperparameter  
optimisation

### Projection

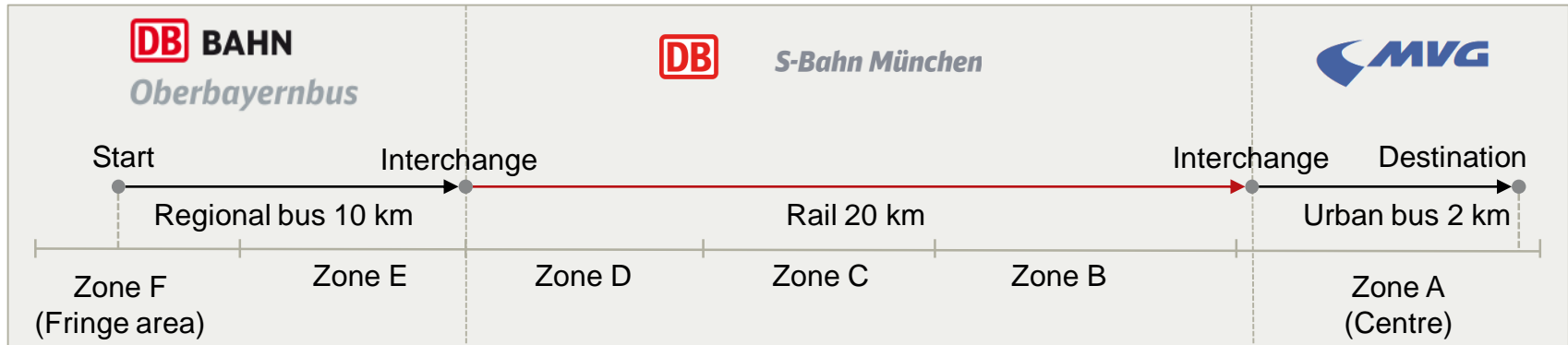
Arbitrary grid

Disaggregation of  
cell relations

# The primary use-case in the xMND context will be the revenue distribution for integrated PT services

## Use-case revenue distribution for PT

EXAMPLE



Principle	Measurement	Calculation for DB SBM	Revenue
Entries	One entry each vehicle	$[1 / (1 + 1 + 1)] \times 10 \text{ €}$	= 3.33 € ↘
Pkm	Kilometres travelled	$[20 \text{ km} / (20 \text{ km} + 10 \text{ km} + 2 \text{ km})] \times 10 \text{ €}$	= 6.25 € ↗
Tarif zones <sup>1)</sup>	Rail: 3.5 Regional bus: 2 Urban bus: 0.5	$[3.5 / (3.5 + 2 + 0.5)] \times 10 \text{ €}$	= 5.83 € →
Entries und Pkm	15 % und 85 %	$3.33 \text{ €} \times 15\% + 6.25 \text{ €} \times 85\%$	= 5.81 € →

Assumption: single ticket price 10 €

1) Assumption: Interchange zones count 50% for each provider

# Thank you for your attention!

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